

Anticipated SEVIS Release 5.0 System Changes

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No.	ID	Subsystem	Title	Description
1.	1981, 4488	RTI and F/M Batch	Update student termination reasons	Update the table of student termination reasons. (See attached table)
2.	2272, 4483	RTI and F/M Batch	Cancellation Reason	<p>Add functionality for canceling a student or dependent record. The PDSO/DSO or District Officer must enter one of the following reasons when canceling a student record:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">1) Student not attending;2) Visa Issued for different SEVIS ID;3) Student registered under different SEVIS ID;4) Record Created in error;5) Offer Withdrawn. <p>The PDSO/DSO or District Officer must enter one of the following reasons when canceling a dependent record:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">1) Record Created in error;2) Dependent will not accompany student. <p>Allow the PDSO/DSO to enter a remark when canceling a student.</p>
3.	3607	EV Batch	Minimum and maximum duration validation failure results in DRAFT records	Add validation to SEVIS Batch to catch invalid minimum and maximum durations of stay to prevent creation of DRAFT records.

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4.	3621, 3642	RTI and F/M Batch	Reduced Courseload Changes	<p>Modify the reduced course load business rules as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Allow the PDSO/DSO to update the drop below information for a student. 2) Allow a PDSO/DSO to enter multiple authorized to drop below full course segments as long as the authorization dates do not overlap with another segment. 3) Ensure that if an F-1 student is authorized to drop below full course for a reason of illness or medical condition that the authorization end date is not more than 12 months from the authorization start date. 4) Ensure that if an M-1 student is authorized to drop below full course for a reason of illness or medical condition that the authorization end date is not more than 5 months from the authorization start date. 5) Allow the PDSO/DSO to cancel an authorization to drop below full course prior to the authorization start date; 6) allow the PDSO/DSO to enter a remark when canceling an authorization to drop below full course. 6) After the authorization start date, allow the PDSO/DSO to update an authorization to drop below full course reason and authorization end date. 7) After the authorization start date, allow the PDSO and DSO to indicate that a student who has been authorized to drop below full course has resumed a full course of study. <p>For RTI: The business rules for the authorized to drop below will be displayed when the PDSO/DSO is authorizing a student to drop below full course. For a transfer student who is currently authorized to drop below full course, the system will update the authorization to drop below full course end date with the transfer release date.</p>
5.	3625, 3641	RTI and F/M Batch	Add field for OPT Employment	<p>Add functionality to require that when entering OPT employment for a student, the PDSO/DSO must indicate whether the student has met the 1 full academic year requirement. If the PDSO/DSO indicates the student has met the 1 full academic year requirement for OPT employment, the system shall print on page 3 of the I-20 "The student has met the 1 full academic year requirement" along with the OPT details.</p>
6.	3635	EV Batch	Required date field missing in Matriculation of exchange visitor	<p>Add a date element under EVMatriculation to document the date of matriculation.</p>

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7.	3643	F/M Batch	Confirm Student Status - 6-month check	Add functionality to allow the PDSO/DSO to confirm the status of students whose record has not been updated in SEVIS for 6 months through the Batch interface.
8.	3728	F/M Batch	Country of Citizenship should be required when creating students through batch	Make the CitizenshipCountryCode a required field when creating a new student record using the CreateUpdateStudent.xsd schema. The CitizenshipCountryCode is not required when updating an existing student record.
9.	3738	F/M Batch	Incorrect error message for CurrentSessionEndDate validation	Correct the business rule for CurrentSessionEndDate. Currently, when the CurrentSessionEndDate is set to a past date the error message reads [New Session end date must be in the future]. The message should inform the user that the Current Session End Date must be later than the current date.
10.	3746	F/M and EV Batch	Existing official cannot register for J Batch processing	Modify the Batch registration process to allow an official who is both a PDSO/DSO and RO/ARO to register for Batch for each school/program using the same userID.
11.	3795	F/M and EV Batch	Transaction log should have one naming convention	Modify the process for creating results files so that all results files have the same naming convention, schoolcode_batchid_log.xml and schoolcode_batchid.zip.
12.	3799, 4487	RTI and F/M Batch	Add indicator for student's last session of program	Add functionality to allow the PDSO/DSO to indicate during registration that a student is in the last session of his/her program. If during registration the PDSO/DSO indicates that the student is in the last session of his/her program, the next session start date is not required.
13.	3920, 4532, 2525, 4482	RTI and F/M Batch	Add functionality to cancel OPT, off-campus employment, or M-1 extension requests that have not yet been adjudicated; Add functionality to cancel CPT employment that has not yet started	Add functionality to enable the PDSO/DSO to perform the following actions: 1) Cancel a request for OPT employment that has not been adjudicated. 2) Cancel a request for off-campus employment that has not been adjudicated. 3) Cancel a request for a M-1 extension that has not been adjudicated. 4) Cancel a CPT segment prior to the employment start date.

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14.	3943, 5288	RTI and EV Batch	New Completion Reason for an exchange visitor	Add functionality to allow the RO/ARO to enter the effective date to end the program for an exchange visitor when one of the following occurs: 1) the exchange visitor withdraws from the program 2) the exchange visitor is unable to continue the program 3) upon the death of the exchange visitor 4) the exchange visitor completes his/her program 30 days or more prior to program end date 5) the exchange visitor successfully completes his/her program When the RO/ARO elects to complete the exchange visitor's program through RTI, , the system will display a confirmation message and require the RO/ARO to confirm the action.
15.	4175, 4838	RTI and EV Batch	Remove Watermark Copy of DS-2019	Remove the watermark copy of the DS-2019. The entry data for a J-1 is now being electronically collected at the Port of Entry; therefore, the watermarked copy of the DS-2019 no longer needs to be generated.
16.	4257, 5076	F/M and EV Batch	Allow Student and Exchange Visitor schema to allow empty tags; Can not remove secondary major & minor for F-1 students	Add functionality to the SEVIS Batch interface to remove previously provided information by using a blank element, e.g., <MiddleName></MiddleName>. Add the ability to remove secondary major and minor for F-1 students by using blank elements for these fields. Only optional data elements may be deleted using this method.
17.	4371	EV Batch	Only adds 1 dependent through AddDependent event when more than 1 is submitted	Correct the problem that occurs when more than one dependent is submitted through the SEVIS Batch interface and only one of the dependents is successfully added to the exchange visitor's record.

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18.	4486, 5278	F/M Batch	Modify the education level update for students	Add functionality to allow the PDSO/DSO to change the education level for ACTIVE status F-1 students. This feature will function similarly to the transfer function, creating a new INITIAL status I-20 for the student, carrying over the same fields that are carried over on a transfer. The new program start date must be greater than the current date. The new program end date is not limited to one year. The school will be required to register the student at the new program level. This will also allow the school to update and print the current I-20 as needed until the student begins the new education level. NOTE: If the student is in INITIAL status, the PDSO/DSO may still change education level through the current EditProgramInfo element.
19.	4526	F/M Batch	Batch should allow only numeric values for Tax ID	Modify validation for Tax ID field to allow only numbers to be entered for a student's Tax ID, which is under the student's personal information. For example: IRS123456 is not allowed in RTI, but was accepted in Batch.
20.	4534	F/M Batch	Remove requirement that CPT sessions cannot overlap	Modify processing for CPT Employment to allow creation of overlapping CPT sessions. NOTE: This functionality was added to RTI in SEVIS Release 4.8.
21.	4567, 4568	RTI and F/M Batch	Print Dependent's I-20s with Student's I-20 when an extension, OPT, or Transfer In request is processed	Include printing the dependent's I-20 when a student's I-20 is printed after updating a student record for an extension or a request for OPT employment. I-20s for the student and associated ACTIVE status dependents will be printed.
22.	4569	F/M Batch	Add Reprint function to Batch	Add functionality to request a reprint of a form I-20 for both the principal and associated dependents through the Batch interface. For exchange visitors or the dependent of an exchange visitor, reprint is only permitted for a record that is in ACTIVE status and the principal and dependents must be reprinted individually.
23.	4603	F/M Batch	Incorrect 12 month check on F-1 Extensions	Correct the F-1 extension function to accept a 12-month extension for an F-1 student.

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24.	4630	RTI and EV Batch	Remove Reasons to End Program for an exchange visitor	Remove the following reasons from the drop down list of reasons an RO/ARO may use to end a program for an exchange visitor or dependent: 1) Cancellation - Change of Status 2) Change of Status Denied - Change of Status These status values are used to record change of status results from the CLAIMS interface and should not be available for selection by the RO/ARO or for use in SEVIS Batch processing.
25.	4637, 4899	RTI, F/M and EV Batch	Do not allow numeric characters to be entered for family name, first name, or middle name	Modify the system to accept only alphabetic characters in the family name, first name, and middle name fields. Current records with numeric characters in these fields will be modified to remove the numeric characters. Organizations that have previously used numeric characters in these fields will be notified prior to the removal of the numeric fields from their existing records.
26.	4671	F/M Batch	Incorrect error message given for wrong school code	Modify the error message provided when the following situations occurs: 1) PDSO1 is PDSO at both Campus A and B; 2) PDSO1 registered for Batch under both Campus A & B; 3) PDSO1 tried to update students belonging to Campus B with Campus A's school code; 4) Download results provided the error [User is not approved to perform this action] message. PDSO1 has the authority to updates these students, but the file was uploaded using wrong school code. The error message should denote this error correctly and state that these students do not belong to provided school code.
27.	4695, 4696	RTI and EV Batch	All Categories must have Site of Activity - Batch	Add new requirement to ensure that a Site of Activity is provided for all categories of exchange visitor.
28.	4706	F/M Batch	Multiple Spouses on Student Update Add Dependent	Correct the problem when a dependent is added as an update in Batch to prevent allowing multiple spouse to be added. Only one spouse is allowed per student.
29.	4718	EV Batch	EditEVBio does not require BirthDate element; but without it update fails	Correct the problem where submission of the EditEVBio and EditDepPersonal elements must have a BirthDate element in order for the transactions to be successful. The BirthDate element should not be required for the EditEVBio or the EditDepPersonal events.

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30.	4720, 4721	EV Batch	Remarks element under UpdateSubjectField should be required	Add validation to ensure that all three sub-elements of the UpdateSubjectField event are required elements for the SEVIS Batch interface when updating an exchange visitor record.
31.	4738, 4739	RTI and F/M Batch	Modify Costs Exceed Resource Requirements	Modify the system operation when costs exceed the student's total resources as follows: 1) Do not display a message to the PDSO/DSO when the student's financial information is updated and total costs exceed total resources asking the DSO to confirm submission. 2) Do not display a message to the PDSO/DSO stating that the record must be updated within 60 days to correct the situation or the student will be terminated. 3) Do not display a status reminder when a student's record is updated and total costs exceed total resources. 4) Do not automatically terminate students when the student's record has indicated that total costs exceed total resources for 60 days.
32.	4785	EV Batch	Invalid dates give System Error: Unknown Error.	Correct problem where an incorrect error message is provided when an invalid date is submitted in the ProgramStartDate element when creating a new exchange visitor record.
33.	4881	EV Batch	Remove the requestID attribute from the EditDependent element	Remove the requestID attribute from the EditDependent element for exchange visitor processing in SEVIS Batch. This attribute is not necessary.
34.	4952, 4960	RTI and EV Batch	New Termination Reason for exchange visitor of Other	Add the termination reason of Other to the list of termination reasons for an exchange visitor. When a reason of Other is chosen, the RO/ARO must enter an associated comment.

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35.	4968	EV Batch	Permit update of exchange visitor or dependent record in INITIAL status	<p>Add functionality to permit the RO/ARO to update an exchange visitor or dependent record that is in INITIAL status. The following updates will be permitted for an exchange visitor in INITIAL status who has not been issued a Visa:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Update Biographical Data 2) Update Subject/Field Code 3) Update Financial Information 4) Add Site of Activity 5) Update Site of Activity 6) Delete Site of Activity <p>The following updates will be permitted for a dependent in INITIAL status who has not been issued a Visa:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Update Dependent Personal Information <p>Add functionality to permit the RO/ARO to request a print of the DS-2019 when any of the updates listed above have been completed.</p>
36.	4981	F/M and EV Batch	Batch IDs longer than 14 characters give incorrect upload failure message	<p>Correct the problem where the incorrect error message is provided when an XML file with a Batch ID greater than 14 characters is uploaded through the SEVIS Batch interface. Currently, Batch IDs longer than 14 characters are failing upload with error code S0001, "File Upload Unsuccessful". This file is well-formed but is invalid; thus it should receive error code S0002, "File does not comply with SEVIS XML Schema".</p>
37.	5069	F/M Batch	Remove OPT Timing Requirements	<p>Modify validation when an Add OPT Employment transaction is processed. For RTI: The system will display the rules associated with OPT, provide the PDSO/DSO a listing of the student's previously requested OPT (pending and approved), and provide the option to add an additional OPT segment.</p>

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38.	5256, 5257	F/M Batch	US address line 2 is not handled properly	Correct problem where address line 2 element is not handled properly by SEVIS Batch when updates are submitted to US address. Problem occurs when multiple updates are submitted as follows: 1) Record 1 updates address line 1, address line 2, city, state, and zip. 2) Record 2 updates address line 1, city, state, and zip; address line 2 element is not provided for Record 2. 3) Updates result in Record 2 being written to the database with address line 2 from Record 1. The data should not be carried over from Record 1.
39.	5331	F/M Batch	School with multiple campuses cannot use separate certificates for Batch	Modify the Batch registration process to allow registration with separate certificates for each campus associated with a single I-17.

NOTE to SCR 1981: Provided below is a list of the termination reasons. Columns have been added to note which termination reasons are available for F-1 students and those available for M-1 students. Termination reasons not marked for F-1 or M-1 students are system termination reasons only.

Student Termination Code	Student Termination Description	Available For F-1 Students	Available For M-1 Students
01	UNAUTHORIZED WITHDRAWAL	X	X
02	DEATH	X	X
03	UNAUTHORIZED EMPLOYMENT	X	X
04	UNAUTHORIZED DROP BELOW FULL COURSE	X	X
05	AUTHORIZED DROP BELOW FULL COURSE TIME EXCEEDED	X	X
06	CHANGE OF NONIMMIGRANT CLASSIFICATION		
07	CHANGE OF NONIMMIGRANT CLASSIFICATION DENIED		
08	EXPULSIONS	X	X
09	SUSPENSION	X	X
10	ABSENT FROM COUNTRY FOR FIVE MONTHS	X	X
11	FAILURE TO ENROLL	X	X
12	COSTS EXCEED RESOURCES	X	X
13	TRANSFER STUDENT NO SHOW	X	X
14	DENIED TRANSFER		X
15	EXTENSION DENIED		X
16	OTHERWISE FAILING TO MAINTAIN STATUS	X	X
17	VIOLATION OF CHANGE OF STATUS REQUIREMENTS	X	X
18	CHANGE OF STATUS DENIED	X	X
19	CHANGE OF STATUS WITHDRAWN	X	X
20	CHANGE OF STATUS APPROVED	X	X
21	TRANSFER WITHDRAWN		X
22	NO SHOW – MANUAL TERMINATION	X	X
23	AUTHORIZED EARLY WITHDRAWAL	X	X
24	NO SHOW – SYSTEM TERMINATIONS		